

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN CHASE HIBBARD**, on March 10, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 437 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Chase Hibbard, Chairman (R)
Rep. Kim Gillan, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bob Story, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Gary Beck (D)
Rep. Rick Dale (R)
Rep. Bob Davies (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)
Rep. Daniel Fuchs (R)
Rep. Mary Anne Guggenheim (D)
Rep. Marian Hanson (R)
Rep. Hal Harper (D)
Rep. Dan Harrington (D)
Rep. John L. Holden (R)
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)
Rep. Scott J. Orr (R)
Rep. Bob Raney (D)
Rep. Bill Rehbein (R)
Rep. Sam Rose (R)
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. Roger Somerville (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Donna Grace, Committee Secretary
Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted:

HB 655, 3/5/1999

SB 249, 3/5/1999

SB 492, 3/5/1999

Executive Action:

None.

HEARING ON HB 655

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Joe Tropila, House District 47

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 1.1}

Proponents' Testimony:

None.

Opponents' Testimony:

Warren Brass, Montana Retired Public Employees

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 6.1}

Informational Testimony:

Tom Biladeau, MEA/MFT

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 8.2}

Dave Senn, Teachers Retirement System

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 14.2}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 15.5}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 14.3}

HEARING ON SB 249

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. Tom Keating, Senate District 5 **EXHIBIT**(tah54a01)
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 16.2}

Proponents' Testimony:

Jim Mockler, Montana Coal Council
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 9}

Tom Daubert, Montana Association of Oil, Gas and Coal Counties
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 12.2}

Gail Abercrombie, Montana Petroleum Association
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 14.9}

Patrick Montalban, Northern Montana Oil and Gas Producers
Association
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 19.3}

Gary Feland, Toole and Glacier Counties
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 22.3}

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

Larry Fasbender, Deputy Director, Department of Justice
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 24.4}

Tom Hatton, Groundwater Assessment Program
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 2.9}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 3.9}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 24.0}

HEARING ON SB 492

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. Lorents Grosfield, Senate District 13
{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0.1}

Proponents' Testimony:

Tom Daubert, representing the 30 counties who belong to the
Montana Association of Oil, Gas and Coal Counties.
{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 20.5}

Ann Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center
{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 21.2}

Bill Snoddy, McDonald Gold **EXHIBIT**(tah54a02)
{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 2.5}

Montana Association of Hard Rock Mining Counties
{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 5.6}

Mike Jelenski, Conservation Districts
{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 5.9}

John Tubbs, Department of Natural Resources
{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 7.4}

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

Tom Hatton, Ground Water Census Program
{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 11.6}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 12.5}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 29.5}

Adjourn. {Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 5.7}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:55 A.M.

REP. CHASE HIBBARD, Chairman

DONNA GRACE, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (tah54aad)